

Page 5, line 3 delete "station" and add --unit-- after "validator" first occurrence

Page 6, line 4 change "PC" to --personal computer (PC)--

page 6, line 29 change "reset or POR" to --and reset switch (POR)--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-5 and 13-22.

Amend the following claims as follows:

B ^{1/} 6. A soft count tracking system for a currency operated host gaming machine ^{comprising} ~~including~~ [in combination] an identification adapter [(IDA)] that includes an integral active electronic component, said component adapted to store a unique serial number, means for placing said [IDA] identification adapter in data communication with the host machine, a currency note validator [(IDS)] with microcontroller, means for placing said [IDS] currency note validator in data communication with said [IDA] identification adapter for interrogating the [IDA] identification adapter for identification number, a storage mechanism [(LRC)] that includes integral nonvolatile storage memory means, and means for placing said [LRC] storage mechanism in data communication with said [IDS] currency note validator thereby to receive and hold information from said [IDA] identification adapter, and a soft count supervisor adapted to be placed in detachable data communication with said memory means to interrogate and extract data from the same, said soft count supervisor comprising a computer, including software means to provide spread sheet data manipulation of the data extracted from said memory means.

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